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APPLICANT: JOHNSON, MARK N.)
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Director of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated August 23, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$465 to cover the fee for the extension of time.

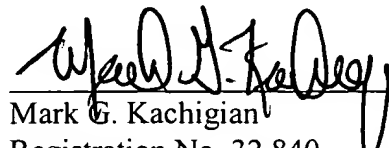
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1500.

Respectfully submitted,

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